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On the Viciſſitudes of Fortune.

THE Viciſſitudes of *Fortune* find Employ for the Complaints or Compaſſion of the Generality of Mankind: But how juſtly we ſhall better be able to judge when we have examin'd into the Matter a little more correctly: By Fortune I would not here be thought to intend what *Juvenal* in his tenth *Satire* rallies his Cotemporaries for. No! I mean not that fantaſtical Deity, but that Station of Life under which Providence from Time to Time is diſpos'd to place a Man. Or rather, to ſpeak more definitely, I intend the Subſtance, not the Shadow; and to demonſtrate from Example, that when the Generality of Mankind repine or exclaim againſt their Changes in Life, they ought to let Fortune ſleep, and find Fault, where the Fault moſt commonly lies, in themſelves. I remember an Epigram that a Veteran in her Service gave me; it was made over a Glaſs of Wine, and not being *mal a propos* to the Matter in hand, I ſhall here recite it.

Epigram on Fortune.

They call thee, *Fortune*, fickle and untrue:
But I thy Judge, they wrong thee of thy Due.
Conſtant to me, in giving Care and Pain;
They call thee what I wiſh thee all in vain.

As no Man within my Knowledge, as far as I can recollect, had ever ran through a like Variety of ſorrowful Changes (ſo much that his whole Scene of Life ſeem'd to be not a Compoſition, but rather one continued Chain of Viciſſitudes) I could not oppoſe that his Satire on *Fortune*, according to vulgar Acceptation, was ſomewhat juſt and ſeaſon'd with the proper Sal of the *Romans*. And I could the leſs deny him this, becauſe I knew him to be free of any apparent Vice; and ſuch a Perſon, that if Temperance could protect, or Chaſtity preſerve, perhaps few Men in Life could plead a better Title to a conſtant Series of Proſperity than he. Expenſive Diverſions never could call his Frugality in Queſtion, nor aerial Projects contaminate his Prudence: Since all that knew him, to ſay Truth, muſt confeſs that his Undertakings and Deſigns were not at all incompatible with Senſe and Reaſon, being always countenanc'd with the Conſent of Perſons celebrated for both; and, therefore, never broke in upon Integrity and Honeſty. And yet, under all theſe favourable Circumſtances, I told him, at the Time of writing that Epigram, the Satire was in reality forc'd and ill-concerted. *Fortune*, ſaid I, has nothing to do in your Affairs. And if by *Fortune* you would deſign Providence, which I am full ſure you do not, you will find the Wit quite abſorb'd in Prophaneneſs, and its whole Energy confounded with the Allowance of a ſmall Share of Conſideration. To prove the Juſtice of my Aſſertion, I evinc'd to him that he carried about him the very Root and Cauſe of all the Changes he complain'd of, which tho' I could not denominate a Vice, would diſcriminate both, whether Providence or Fortune, and take away the Equity of his whole Complaint. Your own Sincerity led you to have too great Confidence in ſuch as deceiv'd you; and by truſting over and over, tho' in different Channels, ſuch Deceivers, you countermin'd your Truſt in Providence, and brought upon your own Head the Calamities you would ſeem here to complain of. It was juſt in Providence to let you ſee your Errorrs; and ſure you will acknowledge him prodigiouſly bountiful in ſparing you Opportunities of correcting them. *Florus*, continued I, whom you once, in his Grandeur, was intimate with, complains of *Fortune*'s Changeableneſs, as much as you can for the Heart of you. Far be it from me to make Compariſons: But as his Hiſtory may give us both Occaſion of Reflection, and conſequently be uſeful to both, I will, conciſely as I can, relate it. The Father of *Florus*, tho' he was but a Fidler, which muſt be allowed to be one of the meaneſt Occupations in Life, left him a plentiful Proviſion, over and beſide fine Chambers well fitted up in one of our Inns of Court, with the additional Advantages of the Ear, and Favour of the then brighteſt and higheſt Ornament of our Law. A glorious Foundation ſure for a young Man to build upon! and yet all theſe fortunate Outſets were croſs'd by a malevolent Planet, and render'd of little avail. Vanity and defective Conſideration ſoon made the promiſing Superſtructure a mere *Babel*. Even that Univerſity Education which his careful Parent previouſly bellow'd by Way of Prevention, contributed not a little to his ſpeedy Deſtruction. No Body could doubt but his indulgent Sire would take Care to initiate him in a Science to which he ow'd his political Original; and, as it commonly does, his Excellency that Way ſoon introduc'd him into a Variety of Company, and more than was conſiſtent with a neceſſary and commendable Application to his Studies. This and his own eaſy Temper ſoon brought him into the Clutches of Gameſters and Sharpers, whoſe Frauds and Villainies firſt neceſſitated him to part with his Chambers, and all their fine Furniture, and, in no long Time after, with every Foot of Land left him by his Father. Here was one Viciſſitude of *Fortune*, and a great one too; reduc'd, as he was, from a plentiful Proviſion to the State of the *Prodigal* in the Parable. Thus, mean in Mind, and poor in Apparel; the full Reverſe of the Poet's excellent Prayer; the Pity of his old Acquaintance, and the Scorn of his new; he fell under the Temptation of finding out a Way to make Reprizals. Not upon thoſe that had been his original Overreachers. *Replevins* there might have been deem'd within the Verge of Law, and have render'd the Proceeding more excuſable, or at leaſt leſs culpable in the Eye of the Goſpel. But *Florus*'s Game lay another Way; to draw in ſuch as, like himſelf, were to be drawn in without much Difficulty. To that great End and Purpoſe, *Florus* gets himſelf Partner of a Gaming Table; and Sweetners, Bullies, and Setters (its neceſſary Evils) are diſcreetly provided. Here *Florus* finds himſelf again in a flouriſhing Condition, and thriving to Rankneſs like a Pumpion in a Dunghil. But, alas! under all this auſpicious Proſpect a new Viciſſitude attacks him, deſtroys his expected Crop in the Middle of his Harveſt. Some malevolent Juſtices reſolving to extinguiſh an Evil, that the Law had ſufficiently provided againſt, and which the ſoberer Part of Mankind too too reaſonably complain'd of, overturn'd all Gaming-Tables, to the great Diſcomfort of the Sharpers, as it was to the Preſervation of unguarded Youth; and that of *Florus* was of Conſequence involv'd in the fortunate Devaſtation. Here is another Viciſſitude, and yet, by the Sequel, you will find that *Fortune*, the Goddeſs of vulgar Soul, did not yet forſake him. He had ſome Time before this Cataſtrophe married a Widow, the Daughter of one that kept an Alehouſe, and with her had ſecur'd a comfortable Jointure, which tho' not ſufficient to maintain a Family, at leaſt not maintain it under his priſtine Oeconomy and Splendor, yet might keep their little Souls and Bodies together till the tiny Goddeſs he ador'd better provided for them. Nor did She or Chance diſappoint her Votary: For ſoon after, the Wife's Father dying, *Florus* ſenſible how plentifully he had throve by the Tap and the Rope, timouſly lays in for the Leave, and has it. To qualify himſelf for which, he drops his *quondam* 'Squireſhip, which was before under Forfeiture, puts on a blue Apron, and hires a new Set of Rope Dancers: From all which, in all Probability, if he can but take warning by former Miſadventures, he is likely enough to grow as great a Man as either of his Forefathers. Thus *Hamlet*, by a long Concatenation of Cauſes, makes *Alexander the Great* at laſt an uſeful Part of the Creation in compoſing the Bung of a Beer Barrel. Are not here, do you think, a curious Catalogue of the Viciſſitudes of *Fortune*, ſufficient to vindicate the diſſatisfactory Repinings of ſuffering *Florus*? No, ſure! For which of them will juſtify, in the Rules of Reaſon I mean, either his Complaints, or our Compaſſion? Are they not every one of them Miſeries of his own Making? When therefore Changes of this Nature, the Product of our own apparent Follies and Errors, are call'd the Viciſſitudes of *Fortune*, I will not quarrel, or be angry with the *Nominee*; nay, I will always indulge his natural Temper, and allow him to complain, provided he take Care that he, at the ſame Time, is out of the Hearing of every rational Creature. For ſure there is a vaſt Difference to be made between the Agonies of ſuffering Virtue and Vice. When the bearing honeſt Man, after a faithful Affiance in a ſuperior Being (that is every juſt Way infinite) after all his Induſtry and Circumſpection, meets with nothing but Diſappointment and accumulative Preſſures, it muſt force Pity and Compaſſion from our Hearts, ſhould our Eyes be excus'd; and the moſt obdurate will acknowledge himſelf affected, to Aſtoniſhment, at his Patience. Yet, even here, I muſt debar him from Complaint, and rather adviſe him to perfect that Patience by Perſeverance, and crown his numerous, perhaps nameleſs, Sufferings with a Reſignation of himſelf, not into the Hands of *Fortune*, but of Providence; and a Contempt of the puny and pitiful Sarcaſms of his Maligners. In this Caſe, I would venture to aſſure him, that his own Prayers would be enforc'd by the virtuous Part of Mankind; who in Admiration of that Fortitude, (which long and bravely beat all the threatning Surges before it, till he obtain'd his wiſh'd for Haven) will illuſtrate the Example by Applauſe, and make it a noble Preparative, whenever the like Lot ſhall be theirs, to reduce the Precept into Practice. The Viciſſitudes of *Fortune* are in this Caſe ſo far from being to be look'd upon as Blemiſhes, that the wiſeſt and juſt will eſteem them as as the *Principia Ethica* of Divine Appointment. Uſeful to conſidering Mankind as any Star in the Firmament to the Mariner. Not only directing us how to ſteer aright, and affording to the Contemplative uſeful Leſſons for the Government of Life, but evincing, almoſt to a Demonſtration, that there muſt of Neceſſity be a State of Futurity, where the Sovereign Arbiter of the Univerſe determines to reward Virtue; ſince in this Life, by Viciſſitudes and Changes of *Fortune*, it has had little elſe than a ſorrowful Portion of *Enduring*.

The Apes, *the* Bird, *and the* Traveller: *A Fable. Applied to the Authors of the* Grub-ſtreet Journal.

A Company of *Apes*, as 'tis related, made choice of a Mountain for their Abode, where they had Plenty of all Kind of Food. One Evening, at the Beginning of Winter, the Tranquillity and Repoſe they enjoy'd, was very much interrupted by the ſudden raiſing of the North Wind, that rag'd with inexpreſſible Violence; it not only froz'd the Water they us'd to drink of, but even ſeiz'd them with ſo intenſe a Cold, that their Souls, if I may be allow'd the Expreſſion, were almoſt frozen in their Bodies. In this Perplexity, the next Morning, by Day break, they began to look out for ſome Shelter againſt the Cold and the Snow that was now beginning to fall; and in their Way, happening to meet with a Piece of ſhining Cryſtal, they took it for a lighted Coal, when gathering ſome Sticks, and laying them round about it, they began to blow it with their Breath, thinking to light and warm themſelves with it.

A *Bird* who was perch'd on a Tree juſt by, ſeeing what they were about, Friends, ſays he to them, what idle Work are you upon? you are hugely miſtaken in what you take for Fire; it will be impoſſible for you ever to communicate Heat to it. You might as well pretend to beat cold Iron into Variety of Shapes, or ſoften a Stone that is naturally hard. But in vain the Bird repeated the ſame Thing to them an hundred Times, the *Apes* ſtill continued their Puffing.

A *Traveller* who chanced to paſs by that Way, ſtopt to conſider this whimſical Scene, and endeavour'd to perſuade the *Bird* that all his Advice was needleſs; telling

he knew, by long Experience, that *Apes* are the moſt untractable, the moſt ſtubborn Animals under the Cope of Heaven: Liſten to me, ſays the *Traveller*, for one Moment; I excuſe your Warmth, becauſe I know it is owing to your good Nature; but let me adviſe; forbear to put yourſelf to this Trouble; your Advice is to no Purpoſe, nor will ever be able to do the leaſt Good, tho' you were to tear your Lungs to Pieces. The *Apes*, tho' you exert yourſelf ever ſo much, will never leave what they are about, don't therefore torment yourſelf any longer.

However, the *Bird* who was true to his Text, let the *Traveller* run on; and imagining he was at too great a Diſtance from the *Apes* to be heard, his Love for them was ſo great, that he hopp'd from Branch to Branch to draw nearer to them, in order, if poſſible, to make them leave their fruitleſs Labour; but the *Apes* obſerving he was coming nearer to them, advanced to the Foot of the Tree, and without giving him Time to perch on the Ground, they ſever'd his Head from his Body.

SATURDAY, *September* 16.

YESTERDAY about Five o'Clock in the Evening (notwithſtanding the Wind was ſo high) a Sailor flew from the Top of the *Monument* to the Upper *Three Ton* Tavern in *Gracechurch-ſtreet*, which he did in leſs than Half a Minute: There was a numerous Crowd of Spectators to ſee him. He came down within 20 Feet to the Place where the Rope was fix'd, and then flung himſelf off, and offer'd, if the Gentlemen would make him a handſome Collection, to go up and fly down again. In the Morning when the Rope was ty'd round the *Monument*, a Waterman's Boy paid for going up to the Gallery, but in his Return finding the Stairs crowded, he thought the quickeſt Way down again would be by the Rope, and accordingly ſwung down upon it, as it hung looſe, into the *Monument-Yard*, without receiving any Injury.

The Scaffolding is ſtruck off at the *King's Meuſe* at *Charing-Croſs*, and Orders are given by the Maſter of the King's Works, that they muſt be finiſh'd with all Expedition, ſeveral Labourers being at work to level the Ground in the lower and upper Yards; the Paviors are likewiſe at work in paving them with hewn Stone, after the Manner of that at *Whitehall* before the Treaſury and Secretary's Office.

On Monday Fortnight next the Tranſports, now in *Newgate*, will be carried down to *Black-Fryars*, and put on board a Lighter, to be tranſported to his Majeſty's Plantations in *America*. There are about 150 already in *Newgate*, beſides a great many coming to Town from Country Goals.

On Thurſday laſt a Gentleman took Water at *Greenwich*, whoſe ſporting Dog, which he had a great Value for, running mad, bit the Waterman, and when he came to *Billingſgate*, he bit a Waterman's Boy in the Thigh, and afterwards run into Mr. *Sampſon*'s Houſe, the *Three Tons* at the Gate, and bit his Daughter, a Child about ſeven Years of Age, ſo bad, that he ſent her down the River to be dipt in the Salt Water.

On Wedneſday Morning laſt, at the Horſe-Races at *Barnet*, five Horſes ſtarted for the Bucks and Does, which were won by Mr. *Woodman*'s *Creeping Kate*.——In the Evening the 5l. Plate, run for by the Ponies, was won by the *Andover* black Mare.——On Thurſday three Horſes ſtarted for the 10l. Plate, which was won by Mr. *Johnſon*'s *Squirrel*.

Laſt Saturday was Se'nnight Mr. *Rich*'s Groom came to *Tewkſbury*, and hearing the Races were to be there on Monday and Tueſday, he run *Merry Tom* for the 25l. Plate on Monday, which he won: And on Tueſday he run *Young Harlequin* for the 12 Guineas Plate, againſt the famous *Welſh* Galloway, which he alſo won.

We hear from *Yorkſhire*, that the Tower of *Ribbis-Abbey*, near *Hemſley*, was lately deſtroy'd by a violent high Wind, by which Accident two Men were kill'd that were at work underneath.

Robberies. Thurſday Night laſt a Gentleman was ſet upon by ſome Ruffians in the *Mint*, and robbed of five Guineas and a half, and ſome Silver.——Mr. *Roje*, a Gardener at *Chelſea*, was robb'd the ſame Evening in *Chelſea-Fields*, by two Foot-pads, of 13s. 6d.

Commitments. A Man to *Newgate*, for a Robbery on the Highway.——A Woman to the ſame Goal, for picking a Gentleman's Pocket of his Watch and Money.——Two Men to the *New-Goal* in *Southwark*, for Street and Highway Robberies in and near St. *George's-Fields*.

Death. Mrs. *Barbara Spinks*, Wife of *James Spinks*, Eſq; died in Childbed of her firſt Child on Thurſday laſt.

MONDAY, *September* 18.

Laſt Saturday the Tide flow'd eight Hours, whereas it ſhould have flow'd but four; and went out five Hours, whereas it ſhould have gone out eight.

The ſame Day a Fire broke out at the Widow *Thomas*'s, a Cooperage in *Montague-Cloſe*, which burnt down two Stables, a Hay-Stack, and damaged an adjacent Houſe; but by the timely Aſſiſtance of the Firemen, it was extinguiſh'd without further Damage.

One Day laſt Week two young Women at *Lewes* in *Suſſex* going to Bed, ſpied a young Man under the Bed; one of them took up a Pot to throw at him, which he perceiving, jump'd out of the Window, three Pair of Stairs, and broke his Neck.

On Friday Night laſt a Lighter loaded with Wheat at *Bear-Key*, was ſunk; but by the timely Help of a Waterman coming by, the Men in her were ſaved from being drowned.

A curious Monument is making by Mr. *Cheers*, in order to be put up in the Pariſh-Church of *Croford* in *Kent*, in Memory of the Lady *Showell*, Relict of the late Sir *Cloudeſley Showell*.

On Friday laſt in the Evening *Walter Vane*, Eſq; an eminent Merchant in *Biſhopſgate-ſtreet*, going over *Bow-Bridge*, for his Houſe in *Plaiſtow*, had the Misfortune to have one of his Legs broke by a Coach, which threw him from his Horſe, and by the Fall his Shoulder was put out.

Orders have been given for building in the *Green Meuſe* at *Charing-Croſs*, ſix Houſes for the King's ſix Equerries.

The March of the Regiments of *Weſtminſter* Train'd-Bands is appointed for the 27th, 28th, and 29th Inſtant. Councils of War have in the mean Time been held at ſeveral Taverns, for concerting Meaſures for the Opening of this ſhort Campaign; and we hear that the Siege of *Oran*, in *Tothill-Fields*, has been reſolv'd upon: The Town to be attacked by the *Spaniards* of St. *Martin's in the Fields*, and defended by the *Infidels* of St. *James*'s.

On Saturday laſt when the Prince of *Wales* took the Diverſion of Hunting a Stag in *Richmond-Park*, a Servant belonging to Sir *William Strickland* was thrown from his Horſe, and rode over by ſeveral Perſons, by which his Life is deſpair'd of.

On Friday laſt Mr. *Sneed*, the Glaſs-Maker in *Old-Bedlam*, died ſuddenly as he was ſitting upon the Vault, within a few Minutes after he came home from *Gracechurch-ſtreet*, where he ſaw the Man fly off the *Monument*.

Robbery. A few Days ago Mr. *Brigin*, an eminent Wine-Merchant, coming towards *London*, by *Stratford*, was robbed by two Highwaymen, who took his Money and his Gold Watch, which he deſired them to let him have again, aſſuring them, upon his Word and Honour, that he would give them more than they could make of it, which was ten Guineas; accordingly they came with him to the *Man in the Moon* Tavern in *Whitechapel*, and deliver'd him his Watch, upon his Word, till he went home, and ſent his Servant with ten Guineas.——On Friday Night laſt Mr. *Warner*, a Dyer in *Spittle-Fields*, was robb'd by two Foot-pads of his Watch and 18s. in Silver, and ſome Copper, near *Cambridge-Heath*.

Commitments. A Boy about 15 Years of Age to *Newgate*, for breaking open a Houſe, and robbing the ſame; when before the Magiſtrate, he made a voluntary Information againſt two of his Accomplices, both Boys, who had been concern'd with him in the ſaid Fact, and ſeveral others, and Warrants were immediately iſſued out againſt them.——A Man to *Newgate*, for ſtealing a Quantity of Lead out of a Ship lying near *Wapping Old-Stairs*.

Death. Laſt Week died Mrs. *Tuckey*, of *Leiceſterſhire*, Aunt to Mr. *Tuckey* of *Five-Foot-Lane*, *Southwark*, a noted Hog-Butcher: She was poſſeſſed of upwards of 3000l. *per Ann.* which ſhe has left to him and his Family.

TUESDAY, *September* 19.

The large *American* Aloe is in Bloom at *Walter Pettyward*'s, Eſq: at *Enfield* in *Eſſex*: It is much finer than that which blowed at *Hoxton*, or any that ever blowed in *England* before; the Bunches of Flowers being a Foot Diameter, and thirty Bunches upon the Stem, placed in a very regular Pyramid.

On Sunday Night laſt Admiral *Stuart* arrived in Town from on board the *Rye* Man of War in the *Downs*, which brought him over from *Jamaica*; and Yeſterday he was at *Kenſington* and waited on her Majeſty, being introduc'd by the Right Hon. the Earl of *Grantham*, Lord Chamberlain of her Majeſty's Houſhold: He was afterwards introduc'd to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of *Wales* by the Right Hon. the Lord *Tankerville*, Lord of the Bed-Chamber in waiting to his Royal Highneſs; and to his Highneſs the Duke of *Cumberland* by *Stephen Poyntz*, Eſq; he was alſo introduced to the three eldeſt Princeſſes, the Princeſſes *Mary* and *Louiſa*, and met with a gracious Reception.

Yeſterday the Juſtices of the Peace for the General Quarter Seſſions for the Liberty of *Weſtminſter* met, purſuant to their Adjournment, at *Weſtminſter-Hall*, when ſeveral Perſons who were bound over to the ſaid Seſſions, appeared and withdrew their Recognizances; and afterwards the ſaid Juſtices adjourned to the next General Quarter Seſſions, which is to be held in *October*.

On Saturday Mr. *Clave*, who kept a Shop at *Croydon* in *Surrey*, and was formerly three Voyages in the *Eaſt-Indies* as Cook of a Ship, was found hanged in *Norwood*. He has left a Wife, and it is thought the Occaſion of his doing it was by reaſon of ſome Misfortunes that he had in Trade.

Mr. *Waldron*'s Waggon, from the City of *Wincheſter*, coming up to *London*, about a Mile from the aforeſaid Place, being upon the Side of a Hill, the Fore-Horſe ſtarted at a Flock of Sheep that came running down, and took a-head, by which Means the Waggon was overturn'd with ſeveral Paſſengers, one of whom, an elderly Woman, had the Misfortune to be killed by the Fall, another Woman broke her Arm, and ſeveral others were very much bruiſed and hurt.

Edinburgh, Sept. 12. We have had here for ſome Days paſt exceeding high Winds, with a good deal of Rain; and particularly Yeſterday, betwixt Five and Six o'Clock, ſuch a violent Hurricane, in full Water, and extraordinary Lightning, ſo that it appeared as if the whole Horizon had been in Flame (which continued for about four Minutes) the like has not been ſeen here in the Memory of the oldeſt Man living.

Philadelphia in *New England, June* 1. On Sunday laſt a Thunder-Clap ſtruck into the Houſe of the Widow *Mifflin*, about three Miles from the City. It firſt ſtruck the Chimney, and ſplit it down ſeveral Feet, tore and ſhatter'd Part of the Roof of the Houſe, ſplit a Rafter, and broke it off in two Places. In a lower Room it ſtruck off the Plaiſtering and Part of the Brick Wall, broke the Window-Glaſs, and melted the Lead. Another Story lower ſeveral Splinters of a Window-Frame were broke off, ſome of the Glaſs broke, and Lead melted; it alſo ſtruck down a Lad that ſtood in a Porch near the ſaid Window, and burnt him badly in a Streak about the Breadth of a Hand, from the Side of his Face down to the Calf of his Leg, but no ways hurt his Cloaths; he is alſo very much hurt by the Fall. There were four or five Children ſitting in the Houſe near to the Lad, who were very much ſurprized and ſtunned by the Thunder, and almoſt ſuffocated with the Smoak and ſulphurous Smell that filled the Room. It alſo ſplit a large Tree near the Houſe.

Robbery. On Sunday Morning laſt between Two and Three o'Clock the Shop of Mr. *Ragdall*, a *Norwich* Factor, the Corner of *Barge-Yard* in *Bucklersbury*, was broke open by ſome Rogues, who cut a Pannel out of the Shutter, and carried away 31 Pieces of Duroy, valued at upwards of 30l.

Commitment. A Man to *Newgate*, for a Street-Robbery laſt Sunday Night, he was diſcharg'd out of *New-Priſon* but Sunday in the Afternoon.

Preferments. Briſtol, Sept. 16. Yeſterday came on the Election of a Mayor and Sheriffs for this City and County, when *John King*, Eſq; was choſen for Mayor, and *John Foy* and *Butler Weeks*, Eſqs; Sheriffs.——*Pool, Sept.* 16. Yeſterday came on our Election for Mayor for the Year enſuing, when Mr. *Peter Jolliffe* was declared duly elected.——*Southampton, Sept.* 16. Yeſterday Mr. *Richard Raymond*, an eminent Apothecary, was choſen Mayor of the Town and County of *Southampton*, for the Year enſuing.——A few Days ago came on the Election of Bailiffs for the Borough of *Ipſwich* for the Year enſuing, when *John Marlow* and *Thomas Starling*, Eſqs; were unanimouſly elected.

Marriage. Laſt Thurſday Dr. *Vaulks*, an eminent Phyſician at *Darking* in *Surrey*, was married to Mrs. *Bugden*, Daughter of Dr. *Bugden*, with whom he had a plentiful Fortune.

Deaths. Laſt Sunday died at *Dulwich-College* in *Surrey*, the Rev. Mr. *Marriot*, belonging to the Chapel of the ſaid College.——The ſame Day died at *Stoke-Newington*, Mr. *Welldon*, one of the Corn-Meeters of this City.

Bankrupt. Richard Preſland, of *George-Yard*, *London*, Warehouſeman.

WEDNESDAY, *September* 20.

Yeſterday was held a Court of Aldermen at *Guildhall*, when *Robert Godſhall*, Eſq; was ſworn in Alderman of *Biſhopſgate* Ward; and the Court was pleaſed to order 40 Freedoms to the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and the two Sheriffs, in lieu of the Sale of the Place of Keeper of *Newgate*.

On Sunday next the new Organ is to be opened at St. *Botolph*'s without *Aldgate*, by Dr. *Green*, Organiſt of the Royal Chapel at St. *James*'s, and St. *Paul*'s Cathedral; upon which there is to be a ſuitable Sermon, and an Anthem.

Lewis de Vic and *Paul Cray*, now under Sentence of Death in *Newgate*, for robbing the Lodgings of *Abraham Elton*, Eſq; are ſo dangerouſly ill of Fevers, that they are remov'd out of the Cells to a Room in the Preſs-Yard adjoining to the Chapel.

Commitment. A Woman to *Newgate*, for picking a Gentleman's Pocket of four Guineas.

Promotion. James Barnardo, Eſq; is promoted to the Command of a Company of Foot in the Regiment commanded by Col. *Jaſper Clayton*.

Marriage. Laſt Monday *Thomas Dundaſs*, Eſq; of *Scotland*, was married to Miſs *Margaret Monger*, a young Lady of 8000l. Fortune.

Deaths. Yeſterday Morning died *Daniel Allford*, Eſq; an eminent *Weſt-India* Merchant, in the 78th Year of his Age.——The ſame Morning died, at his Lodgings at *Hampſtead*, Mr. *James Bincomb*, an old Batchelor, reputed worth 20,000l.

Bankrupt. Thomas Waxham, of *Hoxton* in the Pariſh of St. *Leonard Shoreditch*, in the County of *Middleſex*, Brickmaker.

THURSDAY, *September* 21.

Yeſterday was held a General Court of the United Company of Merchants of *England* Trading to the *Eaſt-Indies*, when the Minutes of the laſt General Court, held the 9th of *Auguſt*, were read and confirmed; and Sir *Matthew Decker*, Bart. from the Chair acquainted the Court, that in Conſequence of the laſt General Court, the Court of Directors had received three ſeveral Schemes for the Reduction of the Intereſt on the Bonds of the Company, but that they thought them impracticable; that having received Intimation of a Probability of the *Bank*'s advancing Money to the Company at a low Intereſt, Application was made to the *Bank* Directors, but that they refuſed to lend them any Money under 4 *per Cent.* Sir *Matthew* then informed the General Court, that a Subſcription had been taken for 240,000l. which was to be paid into the Company's Treaſury on or before the 30th Inſtant, for which they were to have the Company's Bonds, carrying an Intereſt of 3 *per Cent.* payable half-yearly, and the Principal to be repaid at the Expiration of 18 Months, commencing from the ſaid 30th Inſt. and the Names of the Gentlemen who ſubſcribed it, with the reſpective Sums each ſubſcrib'd, were read, as alſo the Names of other Gentlemen who were deſirous to ſubſcribe 285,000l. more at 3 *per Cent.* After which ſeveral Motions were made relating to the Reduction of the Intereſt on the Company's Bonds, one to 3 *per Cent.* another to 3 ½ *per Cent.* &c. which admitted of long and warm Debates; but at laſt the Queſtion was firſt put, Whether a Reduction ſhould be made of the Intereſt on their Bonds, and reſolved in the Affirmative. Another Queſtion was then put, being in Subſtance, That Notice be given to the Poſſeſſors of the Company's Bonds, to come and receive on the 31ſt of *March* laſt, the Principal and Intereſt then due, and that they may exchange them for Bonds carrying 3 *per Cent.* Intereſt, payable in 18 Months; but this being thought a Queſtion of great Conſequence, occaſioned long Debates; after which, a Motion being made to determine it by Ballotting, on the Queſtion put, it was reſolved in the Affirmative, and Tueſday next is appointed for taking the Ballot, and the Numbers to be reported on Wedneſday, and the Books were order'd to be ſhut till the Ballot is over, and then the Court adjourn'd to Tueſday.

On Tueſday Night laſt a loaded Collier, at Anchor near the *North-fleet Reach*, was run foul on by an empty one, and ſunk; the Men were all ſaved, but the Maſter, endeavouring to ſave his Niece, by carrying her up to the Shrowds, the Water flow'd ſo faſt, he was oblig'd, for his own Preſervation, to let her drop, whereby ſhe periſh'd. At the ſame Time another empty Collier ran foul on a Merchant-Man, and carried away her Fore-Maſt, and broke her Head ſheer off; the Merchant-Man was laden, and coming up for *London*.

The ſame Day Mr. *Bee*, Maſter of the *Red-Lyon* Inn at *Putney*, was flung from his Horſe on *Richmond-Hill*, and fractur'd his Skull in ſuch a Manner, that he died on the Spot.

Yeſterday the St. *Clement*'s, *Cripplegate*, *Whitechapel*, and *Southwark* Grenadiers paraded in *Bloomſbury Square*, and afterwards marched to *Tothill-Fields*, where they performed a fine Exerciſe, and then beſieged the five Chimnies, which they took without the Loſs of one Man.

The ſame Day the Right Hon. the Earl of *Leiceſter*, Conſtable of the *Tower*, ſent a Sum of Money by Mr. *South*, his Secretary, for Relief of the poor Priſoners in *Whitechapel* Priſon.

The Committee of City-Lands having agreed for 231 Elms, to be planted in the four Quarters in *Moorfields*, Yeſterday a Sub-Committee met to mark out the Ground, when it was order'd that each Tree be ſet 20 Foot Diſtance from each other, which will be forthwith done.

Mr. *Brown*, who died laſt Week at his Houſe in *Hatton-Garden*, left to four of his Relations (all Servants) 2000l. each, one of them a Cook-Maid to a Brewer in the *Minories*, upon which News the Coachman married her laſt Saturday Morning.

Laſt Monday a Man who uſed to travel the Countries with a Pack as a Pedlar, was found murder'd in a Field between *Hampton-Court* and *Shipperton*, his Throat being cut from Ear to Ear, and his Pack rifled. The Coroner's Jury ſat on the Body Yeſterday, and brought in their Verdict *Wilful Murder* againſt Perſons unknown.

Yeſterday a Man dropt down dead of a Fit of an Apoplexy, as he was walking along the Highway in *High-Holborn*.

On Tueſday the 12th Inſtant the Town Plate of 15l. was run for at *Northampton*, and won by Mr. *Fleetwood*'s Brown Horſe *Merry Batchelor*.——On Wedneſday Mr. *Fleetwood*'s Roan Horſe *Lilliput*, walk'd over the Courſe for the Galloway Plate of the ſame Value.——And on Thurſday the Gentleman's Contribution Plate of 40l. was run for by four Horſes; the firſt Heat was won by Mr. *Cratcher*'s Bay Gelding *Caſtaway*, the ſecond by Mr. *Wilmer*'s Grey Gelding *Sly-Boots*, the third by Mr. *Green*'s Brown Horſe *Run now or hunt for ever*, and in running the fourth Heat the Jockeys whipt each other and their Horſes, by which they became diſtanc'd Horſes, and the Plate is to be run for again next Year.

The eight new Sloops lately commiſſion'd for the Service of the *Iriſh* Station, being now compleated, with Commiſſion and Warrant Officers, will be mann'd directly, and fitted for the Sea-Service with the utmoſt Expedition.

Robberies. On Monday laſt about Noon the Lord *Percival*'s Son, with another Gentleman, being in a Chaiſe, were robbed by a ſingle Highwayman in *Peckham-Lane*; from Mr. *Percival* he took a Gold Watch, what Money he had, and a Diamond Ring of a conſiderable Value, which laſt he probably had ſaved, but pulling off his Glove to get at his Money, the Rogue diſcovered the Ring, and obliged him to deliver that alſo; from the other Gentleman he took a Watch, and about ten Guineas in Money.——About the ſame Time, and near the ſame Place, a Gentleman on Foot was robbed by the ſame Rogue.

Commitments. A Man to the *Gatehouſe*, *Weſtminſter*, for aſſaulting a Woman, with an Intent to commit a Rape.——A Woman to the ſame Goal, for robbing her Lodgings.——Another Woman to *Newgate*, for Shop-lifting.——A Man to *New-Priſon*, for ſtealing a Mare, Value 5l.

Marriage. Laſt Week the Right Hon. the Lord *Carmichael* was married to the Lady *Rumney*, a Lady of great Fortune.

FRIDAY, *September* 22.

There is Advice arrived in Town Yeſterday from *North-Yarmouth*, that the King arrived at *Holland* on Thurſday Se'nnight, and waited only for a fair Wind to proceed for *England*. They have had hard blowing Weather on that Coaſt, and much Damage has happen'd to ſeveral Merchant-Ships, but the Convoy of Men of War and all the Royal Yachts were ſafe at Anchor in the *Maeſe*.

Laſt Monday the *Jews* obſerv'd, in a very ſtrict Manner, their annual Faſt in Memory of the Deſtruction of *Jeruſalem*.

On Saturday laſt about Five in the Afternoon, a Party of the *Briſtol* Colliers, arm'd with Axes and Hatchets, came up from *Kingswood*, and cut down the Turnpike at *Ford* in *Wiltſhire*, without any Oppoſition: Notice thereof was given to Mr. *Holland* at *Chippenham* in the County of *Wilts*, Repreſentative in Parliament for that Borough, and that they were coming on to deſtroy that Turnpike which ſtood about two Miles from that Town, on the *Briſtol* Road; Mr. *Holland*, with two other Gentlemen and Servants, immediately mounted their Horſes to go and defend it; but before they came thither, the Colliers had cut down the Gate, and were proceeding to demoliſh the Walls on each Side, and the Turnpike-Houſe: The Gentlemen required them to ſurrender, or they would fire upon them; the Colliers ſwore they would die firſt, and attack'd them with Stones very ſmartly; the Return they met with was a Diſcharge of ſmall Shot amongſt them, which made them take to their Heels and run away acroſs the Fields, but they were ſoon purſued, and three of them taken Priſoners: The next Morning they were ſent away under a ſtrong Guard to *Saliſbury* Goal, from whence 'tis ſaid their Brethren will be ſo deſperate as to make an Attempt to reſcue them.

Yeſterday being St. *Matthew*'s Day, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, the two Sheriffs, and ſeveral Governors of the reſpective Hoſpitals of this City, went to *Chriſt's-Church*, where an excellent Sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. *Ferrebee*, of *Chriſt's-College*, *Oxon*, in Praiſe of the ſeveral Donors of the ſaid Hoſpitals; after which his Lordſhip, *&c.* went to the Grammar-School of *Chriſt's-Hoſpital*, to hear two Orations pronounced by the two Senior Scholars; the *Latin* by *John Ditton*, and the *Engliſh* by *Thomas Potter*, according to antient Cuſtom, before they be ſent to the Univerſity.

The ſame Day a Duel was fought at the old *Royal-African* Coffee-houſe in *Leadenhall-ſtreet*, between two Gentlemen who had formerly been abroad in the *African* Company's Service, and a Gentleman who interfered in the ſaid Quarrel was dangerouſly wounded.

On Wedneſday Morning a Gentleman ran round St. *James's-Park* for a Wager of twenty Guineas; he had twenty Minutes allow'd him to do it, and perform'd the ſame in fifteen and a half. Several conſiderable Wagers were alſo depending, and great Odds were laid againſt him.

Yeſterday Morning the Lady of *Temple Stanyan*, Eſq; Brother to *Abraham Stanyan*, Eſq; lately deceaſed, was ſafely brought to Bed of a Son and Heir, at his Houſe in St. *James's Hay-Market*.

On Tueſday will be recall'd at the Pay-Office in *Broad-ſtreet*, the Short-Allowance Money due to his Majeſty's Ships the *Biddeford*, *Drake Sloop*, and *Falmouth*.

Robbery. Laſt Tueſday *Miles Price*, Eſq; was attacked in his Chaiſe near *Rocheſter*, by two Highwaymen, who took from him a Silver Watch, a Purſe in which were 23 Guineas, 16s. in Silver, and two Rings.

Commitment. A Woman to *Newgate*, for picking a Gentleman's Pocket of a Gold Watch, Value 16 Guineas.

Preferments. Yeſterday in the Afternoon came on the Election of a Lecturer of the United Pariſhes of St. *Swithen* and St. *Mary Bothaw*, in the room of Mr. *Thurford*, deceaſed, when Mr. *Wells* was declared duly elected.——The Rev. Mr. *Hinckeſman* was lately preſented by the Biſhop of *Wincheſter*, to the Living of *Howghton* in *Hampſhire*, worth 300l. *per Annum*.

Marriage. The Beginning of this Week *Thomas Brownlow*, of *Coventry*, Eſq; was married to Miſs *Lanefield*, a young Gentlewoman, of 4000l. Fortune.

Deaths. On Wedneſday laſt died at *Windſor*, in the 64th Year of her Age, Mrs. *Arabella Reeve*, Wife of Counſellor *Reeve*.——The ſame Night died Capt. *John Warner*, at his Houſe at *Stepney*, an old Commander of ſeveral Ships in the *Eaſt-India* Company's Service.

Transfer Books. *South-Sea Annuity* ſhut *Sept.* 28, and open *Oct.* 26. *London-Aſſurance* ſhut *Sept.* 28, and open *Oct.* 26. *York-Buildings* ſhut *Sept.* 19, and open *Oct.* 3. *Bank Stock* open *Oct.* 10, and the Dividend of 2 ½ *per Cent.* due *Sept.* 29, will be paid *Oct.* 12.

High Water at *London-Bridge*, Saturday the 23d of *Sept.* at 2 15 in the Morning, and 2 39 in the Afternoon.

Sund.	3 0	Morn.	3 2	Aft.	Wedn.	5 3	Morn.	5 28	Aft.
Mon.	3 40		4 0		Thurſ.	5 55		6 22	
Tu.	4 20		4 40		Friday	6 50		7 19	

SHIP NEWS.

The Joſeph and Betty, from *Gottenburgh*, ſtranded the 11th of *Sept.* five Leagues to the Northward of *Liverpool*, two Men drowned, but moſt of the Cargo ſaved.——The Antigua Merchant, Nichols, from *Antigua*, broke to Pieces near *Raſſall* in *Lancaſhire*, the Men ſaved.——The Cambridge, bound to *New-England*, was ſpoke with the 29th of *Auguſt*, all the Men well.——On the 8th Inſt. ſailed from *Milford* the Walpool, Read, bound for *Lynn*, but having ſplit ſeveral Sails, ſtaved her Gunnell, waſhed over-board her Boat, and four Men, who are all ſaved, and the Ship put into *Briſtol*.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Leghorn, Sep. 6. *Arrived* the Bury, Pike, from *New-England*; Recovery, Dodſworth, *Streights*; Princeſs, Seymour, Prime-hope, Allen, Catherine, Bryan, Margaret, Robinſon, Margaret, Howard, Providence, Killikelly, *Ireland*; Providence, Bell, Expedition, Clies, *Weſt of England*.

Cadiz, Sept. 9. *Arrived ſince Aug.* 26. Princeſs Amelia, Preſhaw, Prince Frederick, Whipple, Hanna, Corney, Eccleſtone, Buſh, Gilbert, Hughs, Bonadventure, Murphy, Dolphin, Slater, Hanna and Elizabeth, Jones, Aurora, Lowther, Margaret, Caſey, Ann and Francis, Aiſkil, Cadiz-Packet, Archer, from the *Streights*; Aurora, Tripland, *Guinea*; Pr. William, Van Coln, Auguſt, Hobbs, *Hamburgh*; Blackſtrap, Ford, *New-England*; Pr. William, Pearſe, Cathcart, Stewart, Butterfly, Craw-

ford, Mary, Eurack, Ann, Dickey, Three Friends, Mackehire, *England and Ireland*.

Genoa, Sept. 9 *Arrived* Genoa-Packet, Becket, Apollo, Spilman, Robert and Sarah, Hurſt, Palma, Woodrop, Mary, Faning, Lady-Suſanna, Martin, Union, Timberman, Whydah, Story, from *Malaga, Alicant, and Barcelona*; St. James, Aſtwick, *Cadiz*.

Alicant, Sept. 10. *Arrived ſince Aug.* 28. Fountain, Norman, from *New England*; George and Ann, Furzer, Lovely Mary, Carrol, Venetian, Waller, Tokley, Robinſon, Cadiz-Frigate, Jackſon, Charlotte, Haſwell, from *Places in the Streights*; Minny, Perriman, *Amſterdam*. The Duke of Cambridge, Durell, is arrived at *Carthagena*, from *London*.

Leghorn, Sept. 13. *Arrived* Unity, Eade, Queen Elizabeth, Luck, Neptune, Shepherd, Fame, Kingſley, St. Quintin, Godlee, Minerva, Carter, Creigleſton, Hodgſon, Pemberton, Jones, Elizabeth, Faning, from *Ports in the Streights*; William and John, Leggat, *Hull*.

HOME PORTS.

Liverpool, Sept. 16. *Arrived* Ellen and Elizabeth, Brook, Robert and John, Johnſon, Rapahanock, Loxom, from *Virginia*; Hope, Brownbit, Oak, Robinſon, *Antigua*; Charity, Clements, *Oporto*; Succeſſion, Tyreen, *Stockholm*; in *Hyle Lake* is the Mary, Halliburton, from *Jamaica*.

Briſtol, Sept. 18. *Arrived* Winter, Davis, from *Carolina*; Diana, Malcombe, *Newfoundland*; Goodwill, Foſter, *Maryland*; Stapleton, Eaton, St. *Kitts*.

Lancaſter, Sept. 15. *Arrived* Globe, Thompſon, Content, Kirwan, from *Antigua*,

Deal, Sept. 20. *Sailed* the Rebecca, Medburn, Succeſs, Snelling, Yeomant, Webſter, John, Jones, Abigail and Ann, Hening, Eembleton, Pain, Concord, Robertſon, Shorcham, Edwards, Charming-Molly, Vanhogard, for *North-America*; Recovery, Wheatley, Fox, Johnſon, Succeſs, Martin, Parham Clubb, Davis, King George, Harris, *Weſt-Indies*; Nancy, Cutler, Tankerville, Smith, *Guinea*; Charming-Betty, Matthews, *Madeira*; Lucy, Wood, Benjamin, Spencer, Crown, Gallop, Hydra, Sherwel, John, Batsford, Hannah, Young, Hannah, ———, *Streights*; Mahon, Jones, *Cadiz*; Swan, Downer, John, Power, Ruby, Davis, Don Franciſco, Salter, Succeſs, Holloway, Joſeph, Knowler, Mary, Kerfoot, Charming-Nancy, Kerfoot, John and Charles, Maccaines, Princeſs of Brazil, Veal, *Portugal*; Elizabeth and Margaret, Chambers, Iſaac and Peter, Ruſhton, *France*; Charity, Calverley, Providence, Cane, Charles, Power, Hanna, Fell, *Ireland*; Philippa, Oſburne, Ann, Blewet, Ann, Hewet, William and Elizabeth, Edwards, Victory, Pearce, Dove, Dove, Roſe, Morriſon, *Weſt of England*; London, Savage. *Arrived homeward bound* Maxwell, Gabourel, Dixons-Bay, Coulter, Frore, Richardſon, Diligence, Jenkins, London-Spy, Roberts, Barbadoes-Merchant, Skinner, London, Savage, Betty, Bannerman, John's-Goodwill, Tubb, Friends Adventure, Symonds, Elizabeth and Millicent, Smith, Hanover, Warren, Mary, Couzens, Mary, Champion, Exchange, Harris, Woodbridge, Buck, Betſy, Delamot, Succeſs, Cumings, Bragenza, Lyon, Queen of Portugal, King, Hume, Duncan, Scott, Crawforn, Diligence, Smeeten, Unity, Brame, Friends-Adventure, La Roche, Kings-Fiſher, Lithgow, Neptune, Winter, from the *Weſt-Indies, Streights, Spain, and Portugal. Sept.* 21. Moſt of the Fleet that ſailed Yeſterday put back laſt Night, and remain with the Royal-Caroline, Mead, for *Vera Cruz*; Queen Elizabeth, Halliburton, *Guinea*; this Day *arrived* the Rebecca, Joyce, from St. *Kitts*. Winds *Sept.* 15 WSW. 16 NW. 17, 18 WSW. 19 W. 20 Variable. 21 W.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Paris, Sept. 9. N. S.

WE have more Reaſon than ever to apprehend, that the Affair of the Duchy of *Deuxponts*, and the Manner in which the *French* Troops quartered there for ſome Time paſt, will ſtir up Broils of fatal Conſequence to the Empire: The rather, becauſe after ſeveral Deliberations upon that Subject at the Court of *France*, the Miniſtry are at laſt come to the Reſolution to make vigorous Repreſentations once more to the general Dyet of the Empire, ſetting forth, That it was purely on Account of the good Harmony that reigns between the States of the *Roman* Empire and its Head, which he was no ways inclined to diſturb, that his moſt *Chriſtian* Majeſty did not ere now appear to ſtir himſelf in an Affair of ſo great Importance, as the Succeſſion to the Duchy of *Deuxponts*: That, however, ſince the King of *France* was known to concern himſelf in ſome Degree about it, he had Reaſon to expect that ſpeedy Juſtice would have been done him at the *Imperial* Court, by a Deciſion in favour of the Prince of *Birkinfeldt*, the only lawful Pretender to that Succeſſion, who is ſupported by his moſt *Chriſtian* Majeſty; but ſince he was diſappointed of that juſt Expectation, his moſt *Chriſtian* Majeſty declared, That this was the laſt Time that he would recommend the Intereſts of that Prince to the *Imperial* Court; and that the Dyet would do well to call to mind the diſmal Conſequences which the Affair of *Furſtemberg* formerly brought upon the *Roman* Empire.

We are told, that it is out of all Doubt, that *France* underhand favours the new *Eaſt-India* Company erected at *Cadiz*. The Miniſter of this State, in a Conference he lately had with Monſieur *Chauvelin* upon that Subject, told him plainly, That their High-Mightineſſes were the more ſurprized at the apparent Indolence of the Court of *France* upon this Occaſion, becauſe his moſt *Chriſtian* Majeſty joined Heart and Hand with their High-Mightineſſes in getting the *Oſtend* Company aboliſhed. To which (they ſay) Monſieur *Chauvelin* made Anſwer, That there was a very wide Difference between the *Oſtend* Company and that of *Cadiz*; and that the Circumſtances were conſequently as different; ſo that the *Spaniards* could not be treated upon the ſame Foot as the *Oſtenders*: But that as ſoon as he was fully informed of this Affair, he would give him a fuller Anſwer.

Every Thing is now ready for the Camp at *Oſterbout*; and it is impoſſible to conceive the Crowds of People of all Ranks that are continually going thither by Land and by Water. General *Hompeſch* is allowed 100 Florins a Day for his Table; and, if we are rightly informed, General *Keppel* propoſes to allow himſelf 100 Ducats a Day; and to amuſe the Officers and Foreigners, it is ſaid he will permit a Bank to be kept at his Quarters: There was Intereſt made for a Playhouſe too; but Count *Hompeſch*, who has no Taſte for thoſe Diverſions, anſwered, that *the Players would ſtarve there; for that he ſhould give the Troops ſo much Exerciſe, that the Officers would have ſomething elſe to do, than to go to the Play*. The Prince of *Orange* will likewiſe have frequent Entertainments during his Stay in the Camp. Some will have it, that this Encampment is made in Concert with the Elector *Palatine*; and that if Occaſion required, his Electoral Highneſs would permit the Troops of the Republick to garriſon the Town of *Duſſeldorp*, or ſome other Fortreſs, and make a Place of Arms of it.

As there is an Alliance between *France*, and the Electors of *Cologn* and *Bavaria*, to which in all Probability a certain State, that does not like the King of *Pruſſia*'s Neighbourhood, will directly or indirectly accede, to defeat his *Pruſſian* Majeſty's Views to the Duchies of *Berg* and *Juliers*; ſo there is no Queſtion to be made, but the late Interview between the Emperor and the King of *Pruſſia* laid the Foundation of an Alliance to defeat the Ends of that above-mentioned.

The *Imperial* Court is more and more alarmed with Accounts of the Intriegues of *France* in the Empire to conſound the Devices of the Houſe of *Auſtria*; ſo that we expect to hear of Alliances this Winter, which will prove the Fore-runners of a War.

We are impatient to know the Iſſue of the Inteſtine Diviſions in *France*; neither the King nor the Parliament ſhewing the leaſt Inclination to give Way; which, it is feared, muſt in the End prove fatal to moſt of the glorious Members of that Aſſembly. Mean while, all *Paris* is under the greateſt Conſternation, and, if they could prevail, would have the Parliament impeach the C——l *M*————*r*, as the only Expedient to ſave themſelves, and gain their Point.

Hague, Sept. 5. N. S. Our laſt Letters from *Spain* aſſure us, that the King, who had been a little feveriſh with a Cold, was ſo well recovered, that he began to ſit up; which is looked upon as a certain Sign of his finding himſelf pretty well, his *Catholick* Majeſty taking to his Bed upon any little Diſorder, juſt as if the Bed were a Cure for all Diſtempers. The Count *de Montemar* was arrived at *Seville*, and had given the King an Account in his Chamber, how his Affairs ſtood in *Africa*, when he came away with the Remains of the Army. This Account, if our Information be true, was neither agreeable to the King to hear, nor to the General to relate; for ſince the great Ambuſcade, wherein the Duke *de St. Blas* was killed with about 2000 Soldiers, beſides 650 wounded, the *Moors* recovered their Courage, and with it the Mountain *Del Sinto*; and this made them ſo indolent, that they were perpetually ſquirting their Shot, and galling the *Spaniſh* Army, to ſuch a Degree, that we do not find but the Count *de Montemar*'s Reſolution to come away with what he had left, and to abandon the new Works he had begun, was a Caſe of Neceſſity; though if the *Moors* had been aware of it, they would certainly have taken Leave in a rude and barbarous Manner. The only Danger now remaining, is, that the *Moors* will ſo haraſs the Garriſons of *Oran* and *Mazalquivir*, that it may be judged adviſable to abandon thoſe Places and quit the *African* Coaſt, in which Caſe all the Fortifications will be blown into the Air, and the Inhabitants left entirely defenceleſs. It is given out, that ſeveral Chiefs appeared among the *Moors* in *European* Dreſſes, whom they took to be *Ripperda* and his Myrmidons, or the Subjects of a neighbouring Nation; but as the *Spaniards* have perhaps ſome Pique againſt thoſe Nations at the preſent, we only hint at ſuch Paſſages, as are hardly worth mentioning.

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